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DECEMBER MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the American Antislavery Society; the Massachusetts Bible Society; the Massachusetts Colonization Society; the Eliot-Library Association; G. W. Adams, Esq.; S. A. Green, M.D.; Cyrus Woodman, Esq.; Rev. Rufus Anderson, D.D.; Rev. H. B. Hooker, D.D.; S. K. Whipple, Esq.; J. W. Thornton, Esq.; Rev. W. B. Sprague, D.D.; and from Messrs. Adams, N. Appleton, Lamson, Livermore, Saltonstall, Sibley, Shurtleff, Ticknor, and Winthrop, of the Society.

In the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, letters of acceptance were read by the Recording Secretary from Hon. Albert G. Greene, of Providence, R.I.; and Hon. John P. Kennedy, of Maryland.

The President called the attention of the Society to a large and valuable donation to the library, by Mr. Ticknor, consisting of more than fifty volumes of poetry published in this country, the greater number previous to the year 1800.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Mr. Ticknor for his highly interesting and very valuable donation to the library.

The President also presented to the Society four parts of a work in the course of publication, entitled "American Battle-roll; from Lexington to Mexico, by Henry B. Dawson;" a gift from the author.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Henry B. Dawson, Esq., for the first four numbers of his beautifully illustrated work.

The President read a note from Mr. Warren, inviting the Society to meet at his residence, in Beacon Street, on the evening of Tuesday, the 21st of December. The invitation was accepted.

EDWARD A. CROWNINSHIELD, Esq., was elected a Resident Member.

Mr. ELLIS presented two Chinese maps; a gift from Lieutenant George H. Preble.

Mr. SALSTONSTALL presented two of Ames's Almanacs of the years 1765 and 1766, with manuscript notes, and a small volume of notes of sermons in manuscript; which were referred to the Publishing Committee.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A special meeting of the Society was held this evening, the 21st of December (the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims), at the residence of Hon. Charles H. Warren, No. 50, Beacon Street.

The President took the chair, and called the Society to order, at eight o'clock. In the course of his introductory remarks, he stated, that, over fifty years ago, an attempt